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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This Reply is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed July 1, 2004. The period for response is a shortened statutory period of one month from the mailing date of the Official Action. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

In the Claims:

Please withdraw Claims 46-77 (Groups II and III) without prejudice.